

REMARKS

With the entry of the present Amendment, Claims 1-24, 26, 27 and 29-65 remain pending in this application. In the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, Claims 1-24, 45-57 and 60-65 were allowed, and Claims 58 and 59 were deemed to be allowable if re-written to include all the limitations of their respective base claims. Claims 25-44 were rejected in view of U.S. 4,473,622 to Chludzinski *et al.* and U.S. 3,976,507 to Bloomfield. Claim 41 was objected-to for an informality.

In this Amendment, allowable Claim 58 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all the limitations of its base claim, Claim 25. Allowable Claim 59 has been rewritten in independent form to incorporate all the limitations of its base claim, Claim 28. The language of Claims 58 and 59 has been modified slightly to clarify that the heat exchanger recuperates exhaust from the expander. Dependent Claims 26 and 27 now depend from independent Claim 58. Dependent Claims 29-44 now depend, either directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 59. Claim 41 has also been amended to correct the obvious spelling error noted by the Examiner. In view of these amendments, Claims 25 and 28, as well as previously-withdrawn Claims 66-80, have been cancelled without prejudice to their re-submission in a continuation or divisional application. No new matter has been added.

With these amendments, it is submitted that all claims are allowable, and it is respectfully requested that the present application be passed to issue.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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